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SUBJ: MARCH 29 MEETING OF MINISTERIAL SETTLEMENT COMMITTEE
CANCELLED

REF: TEL AVIV 4205

1. THE MEETING OF THE MINISTERIAL SETTLEMENT COMMITTEE SCHEDULED FOR MARCH 29 HAS BEEN CANCELLED. THE OFFICIAL REASON GIVEN WAS THE CONFLICT WITH TODAY'S IMPORTANT KNESSET DEBATE.

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2. ACCORDING TO THE ISRAELI MEDIA THE REAL REASON FOR THE CANCELLATION WAS TO CONTRIBUTE TO A RELAXED POLITICAL ATMOSPHERE FOR WEIZMAN'S EXPECTED TALKS WITH THE EGYPTIANS. ALTHOUGH THERE IS A CONSENSUS IN THE CABINET AGAINST NEW SETTLEMENT ACTIVITY IN THE SINAI, THE GOVERNMENT REMAINS COMMITTED TO NEW SETTLEMENTS ON THE WEST BANK. BY CANCELLING THE MEETING, THE GOI AVOIDED DIFFICULT DECISIONS ON SETTLEMENT

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POLICY FOR THE TIME BEING. IN ADDITION, MINISTER OF EDUCATION HAMMER PLANNED TO RAISE AT THE MEETING THE PROBLEM OF THE SUB-STANDARD LIVING CONDITIONS IN GUSH EMUNIM SETTLEMENTS IN SAMARIA. HE PRESUMABLY WOULD HAVE PROPOSED LIFTING THE FREEZE ON CON-STRUCTION AT SEVERAL OF THE GUSH SETTLEMENT SITES. FURTHER, THERE ARE VERY FEW MINISTERS EAGER TO DISCUSS THE HANDLING OF THE SHILO SETTLERS. RATHER THAN COME TO GRIPS WITH THESE QUESTIONS AND TAKE DECISIONS WHICH WOULD EXASPERATE THE EGYPTIANS AGAIN, THE GOI DECIDED TO POSTPONE THE COMMITTEE'S SESSION.

3. COMMENT: THE GOI HAS BELATEDLY RECOGNIZED THAT THERE IS A RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN ITS SETTLEMENT POLICY AND ITS NEGOTIATIONS WITH EGYPT. ON THE OTHER HAND, THE FACT THAT THE MEETING HAD TO BE POSTPONED SUGGESTS THAT THE COMMITTEE MIGHT HAVE BEEN PREPARING TO TAKE DECISIONS THAT WOULD NOT HAVE BEEN APPRECIATED IN CAIRO OR ELSEWHERE.
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